

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - MAY 2007 SPECIAL SESSION

JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on May 11, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Ed Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. PJ Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Lee Heiman, Staff Attorney, Legislative Branch
Jeff Martin, Research Analyst, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 5, 5/7/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:01:43

HEARING ON HB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:51 **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, opened the hearing on **HB 5**, Revising laws related to taxation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:23 Rep. Jill Cohenour, HD 28

EXHIBIT(tas02a01)

00:10:48 Dan Bucks, Director, Montana Department of Revenue
(DOR)

EXHIBIT(tas02a02)

00:13:35 Evan Barrett, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian
Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

EXHIBIT(tas02a03)

00:15:31 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

00:19:53 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunications
Systems (MITS)

EXHIBIT(tas02a04)

EXHIBIT(tas02a05)

00:21:35 Mike Boysza, Carpenters Local 153 and Local 557

EXHIBIT(tas02a06)

00:23:01 Dan Casey

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:44 Sen. Robert Story, SD

00:27:41 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Council of Life Insurers
(ACLI)

00:34:55 William Gowen, Vice President, Helena Abstract and Title Company

00:41:35 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association

00:46:02 Glen Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

00:47:47 Stacey Sprinkle, Verizon Wireless

EXHIBIT (tas02a07)

00:49:27 Margaret Morgan, Alltel Communications

00:51:34 George Olsen, Montana Society of Certified Public Accounts (MSCPA)

00:55:11 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:56:45 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA) and on behalf of the Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:28 Rep. John Sonju to Director Bucks, DOR

01:13:55 Rep. John Ross to Director Bucks, DOR

01:18:41 Rep. Bob Lake to Director Bucks, DOR

01:20:55 Rep. Bill Nooney to Director Bucks, DOR

01:26:44 Sen. Kim Gillan to Director Bucks, DOR

01:32:38 Recess

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Recess: 10:55 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas02aad.pdf](#))